(5) Better fleet & other resource utilization.

(6) Improvment in quality of products/customer services

(7) Marketing Initiatives.

International services from Madurai

2678. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to make Madurai Airport as an International Airport as it is closer to many of the towns in Southern parts of Tamil Nadu than Tiruchirapalli; and

(b) whether any international airlines have opted to operate from Madurai?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No International Airline has shown their interest to operate international flights from Madurai airport.

Hand -Trolleys at Sardar Ballabh Bhai Patel Airport, Gujarat

†2679. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1399 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th July, 2002 and state the reasons for not changing so far the hand-trolleys at the Sardar Ballabh Bhai Patel International Airport situated in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): The hand trolleys at the Sardar Vallab Bhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad are expected to be replaced by the end of January, 2003. The slight delay has occured as the prototype manufactured had to undergo further rigorous tests before being cleared for bulk production. This clearance has been given in November, 2002.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.